

NOVEMBER 2018

Tomball *talk*

Not just a district, a destination.



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A LOOK AHEAD

DECEMBER

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THS, TMHS Theatre Productions

Dec. 1 - 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Dec. 3 - 7 p.m.

10-11

School Board Meetings

Board Room

5:30 PM

24-Jan. 4

Winter Break

For all fine arts & athletics events in
December, [CLICK HERE](#).



What is Tomball Talk?

Tomball Talk is a monthly eNewsletter for Tomball ISD. Each issue will highlight the previous month's top headlines as well as awards, events and accomplishments.

Who is behind Tomball Talk?

Tomball Talk is edited and published by the Tomball ISD Communications Department.

Have materials to submit?

If you have material (calendar events, news stories, numbers of note) you wish to submit, please email: allisonmcclain@tomballisd.net.

Nominate an Educator or Group for our Spotlights!

Do you have an educator doing amazing things on your campus or a group that has been actively engaged in the community?

Nominate that respective individual or group, accompanied by a few bullet points explaining why they deserve to be spotlighted.

Email nominations to allisonmcclain@tomballisd.net.

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UPCOMING THEATRE SHOWS

As you prepare for the holiday season, plan to join Tomball STAGE and TMHS Wildcat Theatre as they gear up for the debut of their upcoming shows, beginning Nov. 29.

For more information about each show, visit each school's respective theatre websites.

TOMBALL HIGH SCHOOL | www.tomballstage.org



The **Tomball STAGE** and **The THS Fine Arts Department** are set to present the Musical **Annie**.

Dates

November 29 – 7 p.m.
November 30 – 7 p.m.
December 1 – 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.
December 3 – 7 p.m.

Location

Tomball High School Auditorium
30330 Quinn Rd. | Tomball, Texas 77375

Tickets (Online or at Door)

\$10 online – www.tomballstage.org
\$12 in advance
\$15 at performance

TOMBALL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL | www.tmhstheatre.com/



The **TMHS Wildcat Theatre** will present two shows at once, **A Christmas Carol** and **Santaland Diaries**.

Dates

November 29 – 7 p.m.
November 30 – 7 p.m.
December 1 – 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.
December 3 – 7 p.m.

Location

Tomball Memorial High School Auditorium
19100 Northpointe Ridge Ln. | Tomball, Texas 77377

Tickets (Online or at Door)

www.tmhstheatre.com/
\$10
Seniors - \$5

TWEETS AROUND TISD

Whitney Johnson @TISD_NUTRITION · Nov 13
Serving our Thanksgiving meal in all cafeterias tomorrow, November 14th. Please join us! @TomballISD



Martha SalazarZamora @m_salazarzamora · Nov 26
The best way to start this cold day after a holiday is with a wonderful GE "Rise and Shine" with our friends from Oklahoma. #TISD #DestinationExcellence



TMHS Wildcat Theatre @TMHSTheatre · Nov 15
Having a great time at Texas Thespian festival!



Creekview Elementary @TISDCES · Nov 17
Big week at CES! International Day, Fundraiser celebration and Tomball Holiday Parade. Thankful for our school community! #DestinationExcellence #CESOneTeamOneDream #lovelycoogs

Tomball ISD @TomballISD · Nov 14
Exciting lessons and great weather safety tips from @TravisABC13 this morning @TISDTES! #DestinationExcellence



Tomball Star Academy @TISDTSA · Nov 17
Tomball Star Academy students up early and ready to participate in the annual Tomball Holiday Parade!



EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT

**ALLISON
BEARDEN**



Honored at the November School Board Meeting:

Jennifer Adams, Director of Science (left) joins Allison Bearden (right) for a deserving recognition.

OAKCREST INTERMEDIATE

**6TH GRADE
MATH & SCIENCE**

Allison Bearden was one of just six teachers in the entire State of Texas named a PAEMST Award Finalist.

According to TEA, the 2018 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) recognize kindergarten through sixth grade mathematics and science teachers whose innovative methods bring teaching to life in the classroom. [READ MORE](#)

DESTINATION EXCELLENCE

SUPERINTENDENT SHINING STARS

Honored for their commitment to Project Based Learning (PBL) and innovative ways of educating the whole child, Tomball ISD teachers Bethany McDowell (Timber Creek Elementary), Amy Jackson (Oakcrest Intermediate), Stacy Landgrebe (Creeside Park Junior High), and Reyna Herrmann (Tomball Star Academy) were honored as Superintendent Shining Stars in November.

For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).



(L-R) Bethany McDowell, Amy Jackson, Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, Stacy Landgrebe, Reyna Herrmann



TISD CELEBRATES VETERANS DAY

Many campuses around Tomball ISD honored Veterans with celebratory and honorary performances on Friday, Nov. 9.

School choirs showcased their talents and voices with a patriotic performance in honor of all Veterans in attendance. Family members were honored for their service and the young talent among Tomball ISD was on display.

For more information and pictures, [CLICK HERE](#).



DESTINATION EXCELLENCE



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION RESULTS

Based on official results from Harris County and Montgomery County, Tomball ISD incumbents were re-elected as Board of Trustees during the November 6, 2018 election.

Michael Pratt won Position 2 with a total of 9,354 votes.
John E. McStravick won Position 3 with a total of 8,892 votes.
Mark Lewandowski won Position 4 with a total of 11,694 votes.

Kathy Handler (14,385 votes) and Lee McLeod (14,459 votes) were also re-elected to Board of Trustee positions No. 1 and No. 7, respectively, after running unopposed.

The results were canvassed on Nov. 16, 2018 at 10:20 a.m.

SPORTS SHOUTOUT



**CONGRATULATIONS ON
ADVANCING TO THE
PLAYOFFS!**

TOMBALL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Tomball Memorial High School Varsity Football for finishing tied for second in district and advancing to the 6A playoffs. The Wildcats finished the 2018 season with an overall record of 8-3 and a district mark of 6-2 under head coach Sam Parker.

TOMBALL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Tomball High School Varsity Football for advancing to the 5A playoffs. The Cougars wrapped the season with a 6-5 overall record and a 4-3 record in district play under head coach Kevin Flanigan.

GROUP SPOTLIGHT

LICENSED SPECIALISTS IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY



Front (L-R) Olga Champagne, Gail Beal, Michelle Howard, Donna LaRue
Back (L-R) Kim Day, Daniel Fair, Nicole Price, John Day, David Marchard

NOVEMBER: SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AWARENESS MONTH

“Unlock Potential. Find Your Password.” [More Info.](#)

- November 12 - 16 was School Psychology Awareness Week.
- In Texas, this group is known as Licensed Specialists in School Psychology.
- Texas is the only state that uses this licensure.
- Tomball ISD has nine licensed specialists.

What does an LSSP do? LSSPs support students through consulting with teachers, administrators, and parents. The team of specialists also spend time in self-contained classrooms to support those staff members in implementing the students' IEPs. A large part of their days are spent assessing students to help determine what supports they need, general education or special education. When writing an evaluation for a student suspected of Autism, they spend about 20 hours scoring measures and writing the evaluation report, and about 15 to 20 hours scoring measures and writing the evaluation report for a student suspected of an Emotional Disturbance.

What does an LSSP not do? There is not much an LSSP does not do, but one thing is therapy. Some students do require counseling as a related service; this means the student cannot make progress on their IEP without the service.

Tomball ISD Licensed Specialists in School Psychology

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| • Gail Beal - TES, TIS | • Michelle Howard - Lead, WES, Early Childhood |
| • Olga Champagne - TCES, CFES | • Donna LaRue - CPJHS, TJH, THS, Early Childhood |
| • John Day - TMHS, WWJH, Early Childhood | • David Marchand - CES, DPES |
| • Kim Day - OIS, RES | • Nicole Price - CPES, WCES, Early Childhood |
| • Daniel Fair - NIS, LES | |

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Do your part with a caring . Help give the Gift of Education.

“Thank you again for helping my family with the college expense. That truly has been a blessing and I am so grateful to have your support.” - Alanna Ford, TMHS ‘17

The Tomball Scholarship Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, raises money to award scholarships to our graduating seniors. The scholarship money is used for tuition at any campus within the Lone Star College System. Students who place emphasis on academic achievement and those in need of financial assistance are eligible to apply. One hundred percent of all donations are applied to tuition costs.



All Tomball ISD employees are encouraged to support the Tomball Scholarship Foundation - **Funding the Future** - initiative. This payroll deduction program allows an employee to deduct any amount desired from their paycheck on a regular basis. Since 1997, this program has been highly successful and allows Tomball ISD staff members to be involved with the Foundation.

As we prepare to embark on the 25th Anniversary of the Tomball Scholarship Foundation in 2019, we want to encourage Tomball ISD employees to “do your part with a caring heart” and help give the “Gift of Education” this holiday season.

A small amount through our payroll deduction program can go a long way in helping our amazing students succeed in the Lone Star College System following graduation.

[CLICK HERE TO GIVE](#)

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

VALERIE PETRZELKA | Tomball High School '74 Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools

Her roots run deep in Tomball and her passion for education is unmatched.

For Dr. Valerie Petrzelka, every opportunity she has experienced in Tomball has paved her success story as an alumna working in education.

Dr. Petrzelka currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools in Tomball ISD but her path to that position featured many stops as an educator along the way.

She is a 1974 Tomball High School graduate and went on to receive her B.S. in Education from Texas A&M University, her M.ED from Sam Houston State University and her Doctorate of Educational Leadership from Lamar University.

The genuine meaning of hometown rings true to Petrzelka after moving to Tomball and beginning her sophomore year at Tomball High School. Her parents felt the move to Tomball would provide their two youngest children with the best quality education so they quickly made the move from Spring Branch.

"My parents picked Tomball for a purpose."

From there, Petrzelka met her husband Mark on the first day of school in geometry class and they went on to raise two successful children, both graduates of Tomball High School, and with children of their own enrolled in the district.

The Petrzelka family is a true family legacy in our Destination District.

"One of the wonderful things our district offers is an opportunity to bring our children to our district," Petrzelka said. "I did not live in the district when I got married, but I knew I wanted to give back to Tomball and I wanted my children to be a part of this culture. My children are successful citizens because of Tomball and their education."

As we take a step back and look at Petrzelka's journey and how she helps lead this district today, her career path in Tomball plays a major influence on how she views education. She began in Tomball as early as high school, but after moving away for a short time, she always knew this city was home and that she would return.

Petrzelka spent her early teaching days in a neighboring district but had the opportunity to return to her hometown in Tomball and begin teaching at Tomball Elementary in 1985. By 1990, she had grown to love the district as an educator so much that she wanted to continue serving and initiated a federal program called, "Parents as Teachers," and simultaneously served as a District Instructional Specialist for the next four years.

"Parents as Teachers allowed me to go into homes of parents with children from birth to three years old," Petrzelka said. "I would provide the family with resources and demonstrate how to teach their child to read, talk to them about speech, and periodically performed assessments on them before connecting them directly to the Early Childhood programs in the district so that when their children transitioned into school, the transition was smooth and that they got off to a great start."

In 1994, Petrzelka moved into an administrative role as the assistant principal at Lakewood Elementary and one year later took over reigns as principal.

After 13 years, Petrzelka's drive for continuing to elevate the district was evident as she opened Canyon Pointe Elementary, working alongside current Canyon Pointe principal Barbara Coleman.

Years later, Petrzelka had the opportunity to serve the needs of elementary principals and found her calling in her current role as Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools.

"I'm so grateful I had this opportunity presented to me," she said. "This position has allowed me to support principals, who can support teachers and provide the best education for our kids."

Her educational journey stems from the strong desire to want to serve others. She finds opportunities that allow her to do so in Tomball ISD and that has made her the person she is today.

"Everyone is here to support each other. I have a strong belief my purpose is to serve others and being in Tomball allows me to do that," she noted.

For every Tomball ISD graduate is a story and for Petrzelka, her story is built on the meaning of giving back to the place that has provided her family with the education and support needed to be successful citizens in the community.

"You don't always know the impact you have on kids and teachers, but I'm here because I want to make a difference in lives."



PHONE APP REMINDERS

Wondering how to download the new My-EOP app that replaces the colorful flipchart that was printed and located in various areas of the district? Check out this quick how-to guide. This app is a one-stop shop for all emergency information and contact numbers within our district.



My-EOP™

Instructions to download the My-EOP™ mobile application:

If you already have My-EOP downloaded, skip to step 4.

1. Search for My-EOP (or myeop) in the “App Store” (Apple iOS) or the “Play Store” (Android devices).




Note for iPad users: Select “iPhone Only” as a search limit in the App Store.

Apple:
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/my-eop/id818004891?mt=8>

Android:
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2. Install My-EOP on your device.
 - Accept app permissions.
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 - Accept the terms and conditions.
4. Click on the menu button (), find a plan.
5. Enter your search term: **tomball isd**
6. Once your plan is displayed, click on the plan to download.
7. To gain access to the download, you’ll be asked for your password. Your password is **tomballeop** (CASE SENSITIVE)


Once the file is downloaded, you may enter the plan. From that point forward, when you open My-EOP, you will see that plan on your available plan list.

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

JULY 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	 2018-2019 Calendar First Day of School August 21, 2018 Last Day of School May 30, 2019 Staff & Student Holidays Independence Day - July 4 Labor Day - September 3 Thanksgiving - November 19-23 Winter Break - Dec. 24-Jan. 4 Spring Break - March 11-15 Good Friday - April 19 Memorial Day - May 27 Staff Development/Workdays Student Holidays August 7-9 (New Teacher) August 13-17 August 20 October 8 January 7-8 January 21 February 15, 18 March 18 May 31 Early Release Days All Schools: Oct. 5, Dec. 21, May 30 High Schools Only: Dec. 20, May 29 Make Up Days (if needed) February 18 March 18 May 31 Reporting Periods End: October 12 December 21 March 8 May 30	JANUARY 2019 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
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Approved by the Tomball ISD Board of Trustees February 13, 2018

Board Meeting Dates

Board Materials Due